

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-12 and 18-25, without prejudice.

13. (Original) A flush toilet assembly for RV's and boats comprising:

a bowl having an open upper end and a bottom discharge outlet through which waste is flushed from said bowl,

a closure member covering said outlet and being movable between open and closed positions,

at least one nozzle operable to apply water under pressure across a surface of said bowl during flushing of said toilet; and

a first and second depressible buttons located on an outer surface of said toilet and to providing easy access by a person sitting on said toilet, said buttons being electrically coupled to a circuit board assembly, activation of said first button initiating the flow of water from said nozzles so as to achieve flushing of the toilet, activation of said second button initiating flow of water from said nozzle to raise the level of the water in the bowl without causing flushing of said toilet.

14. (Original) A toilet for RV's and boats as set forth in claim 13 further comprising a water line coupled to a source of water, a pump providing water through said water line under pressure, a water valve operable to permit water flow through said water line and to said nozzle and electronically controlled actuator coupled to said closure member.

15. (Original) A toilet for RV's and boats as set forth in claim 14 wherein activation of said first button initiates opening of said water valve and water flow through said nozzle, activation of said first button also initiating movement of said closure member from said closed position to said open position.

16. (Original) A toilet for RV's and boats as set forth in claim 15 wherein activation of said second button initiates opening of said water valve and water flow through said nozzle and not movement of said closure member from said closed position to said open position.

17. (Original) A toilet for RV's and boats as set forth in claim 14 wherein activation of said second button initiates opening of said water valve and water flow through said nozzle and not movement of said closure member from said closed position to said open position.

26. (Original) In a recreational vehicle such as a boat or an RV having a floor, a waste outlet in the floor and a flush toilet including a bowl mounted on the floor, the improvement comprising:

a valve assembly mounted to said bowl including a valve blade operable for movement between an open position and a closed position with respect to a discharge opening in said bowl, said valve assembly including a downwardly extending first tubular section, said first tubular section being located in registry with said discharge opening and beneath said blade;

a base member secured to the floor, said base member having a second tubular section in registry with said waste outlet and extending upwardly therefrom, said second tubular section sized to telescopingly receive a portion of said first tubular section therein; and

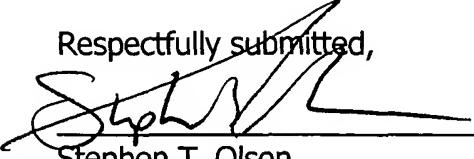
a slip tube located between and engaging said first and second tubular sections, said slip tube having a first end sized to telescopingly receive a portion of said first tubular section, said slip tube having a second end sized to be telescopingly received in said second tubular section, whereby said slip tube operates as a vertical extension between said first and second tubular section when mounting of said toilet is such that said valve is spaced too far above said base member for said first tubular section to be received within said second tubular section and whereby use of said slip tube can be omitted when mounting of said toilet is such that said valve is spaced relative to said base member enabling said first tubular section to be telescopingly received in said second tubular section.

27. (Original) The recreation vehicle of claim 26 wherein said slip tube has top and bottom ends and annular seals at said top and bottom ends in sealing engagement with said first and second tubular sections.

28. (Original) The recreation vehicle of claim 26 wherein said slip tube has top and bottom ends, said top end being larger in diameter than said bottom end.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass this application to issuance at his earliest convenience.

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